

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to reflect the national stage status.

In addition, the claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies in order to eliminate improper multiple dependencies and to reduce the PTO filing fee.

Favorable action on the merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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